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INTRODUCTION

"Faith is believing that Christ is what he is said to be, and that he will do what he has promised to do, and then to expect this of him." C. H. Spurgeon, All of Grace.

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. - Hebrews 11:1

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2

What do you observe going on in the text?

Faith is occasionally misunderstood to be passive or inactive. (i.e. "Have faith" can be interpreted by some to just hope something good happens.) What action words are associated with the word faith in chapter two?

DISCUSSION

"Faith" is a familiar word to Christians. Do you think faith is biblically/theologically understood? Why or why not?



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DISCUSSION CONTINUED...

Read Hebrews 11. (Consider dividing the reading up as a group and reading it aloud together.)

Can you identify common themes about faith in the reading? List a few.

According to Hebrews 11:8, what is one of the key attributes of faith. (This is explicit in verse 8, but also implied in the rest of the chapter)

Read Colossians 2:16-17. How does Paul contrast the life of faith with life under the law in this passage?

APPLICATION

Where is your faith being challenged? What are the obstacles you are facing to fullness in Christ?

Where is God moving in your life, asking you to take a *faithful* step of obedience?

In what area of your life do you need to begin actively trusting God, and not yourself?
